

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: DISAGGREGATION OF FEDERAL HIGH- COST SUPPORT FOR RURAL CARRIERS	DOCKET NO. USP-01-2
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**ORDER REGARDING MOTIONS TO REACTIVATE AND FOR A NEW
SCHEDULING ORDER**

(Issued December 17, 2002)

On December 5, 2002, Hawarden Municipal Communications Utility, d/b/a HITECH (HITECH), filed motions to reactivate the docket and for a new scheduling order, stating that discussions between the parties had failed to resolve the issues presented in this docket. On December 17, 2002, the attorney for HITECH, with the permission of the attorney for Heartland Telecommunications of Iowa, d/b/a HickoryTech (HickoryTech), called the undersigned administrative law judge, stated the parties were discussing settlement again, and requested that the motions to reactivate and for a scheduling order be ignored. The Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) does not object to this request. The request should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The motions to reactivate the docket and for a new scheduling order filed December 5, 2002, will be ignored.

2. Any party who wishes to request the establishment of a new procedural schedule may do so by filing a motion.

3. If the parties are able to resolve this case without the necessity of further formal proceedings, they must file written notice and move for dismissal of the case.

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/s/ Amy L. Christensen

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Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper

Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 17th day of December, 2002.